

SYLLABUS

A Roadmap to the News of the University Club of Rockford, Illinois

President's Letter

by Pete Rundquist

The summer is flying by so quickly this year. We have about a month before the kids and grandkids head back to school.

MAYBE? I am so happy that Illinois moved into Phase 4 a month ago. That let us offer inside dining and open the pool. I'm sure everyone liked that the pool was open in July, especially since July has had many days with temps in the 90s. Just ask **Norm Dasenbrook**.

Our summer golf league had fun, even though the season was shortened due to Covid 19. I have played more golf this summer than usual, but without an improvement in my score. We plan to continue the league in 2021 and combine golf with dinner and music.

Speaking of golf, the annual U Club scholarship golf play day was canceled this summer. The golf outing



committee has come up with a couple of ideas to replace the income lost. These will be rolled out in September. The scholarship committee did select four recipients and will present the checks to the winners this month. A huge thank you goes out to the committee: chair **Jim Pieschel, Diane Kuehl, Jan Melquist, Ted Ingrassia** and **Pete Rundquist** for their thoughtful consideration of the applications. Let me say that there are some amazing young scholars in Rockford! A big shoutout also goes to the member donors who contributed to the scholarship fund. Your important assistance helps us keep this program alive and growing.

I am pleased to report that the University Club is still in the black, financially speaking. This is primarily due to the work of our great staff. Under Kurt and Kelly's leadership they have been very creative, hard-working and cost-conscious. Our membership numbers have decreased slightly, but pool memberships are steady, even with the shortened season.

Let's all remember that it is up to us to continue to follow the health guidelines spelled out by the state and county. We don't want to return to more restrictions. The purpose of the guidelines is to keep our members and staff healthy. So, please remember to wear your face coverings when not seated or socially distanced. We do this because we care about each other.

See you at the club!



Norm Dasenbrook enjoying our pool, socially distanced, of course.



Welcome, New Members!

New Members

Renée & Chris Chuchna
Pamela & Mark Engelen

Organization

Walgreen's/Chuchna and Son
Applied Adhesive Applications/
Transformco

Sponsor

Colleen & Thomas O'Brien
Bob & Mariam Guirl

Alma Mater

Rock Valley College
Cornell College



Condolences

The University Club of Rockford extends its condolences to the family and friends of **Bengt Kueller**.

Bob Oliver Memorial

Many thanks to **Denise Oliver** and members who contributed to Bob Oliver's memorial at the University Club. To honor Bob's memory, the Oliver family has graciously requested that a new seating area be created near the lawn entrance. It will include a landscaped patio, permanent firepit table and two fire columns. Members will be able to enjoy this enhancement by the end of July.

GM Notes

In July, the club returned to some sort of normalcy with limited indoor dining and smaller private events on the weekends. In addition, we welcomed back LIVE MUSIC which was very well received by members and guests. We moved the musicians to the lower level by the herb garden for more social distancing. So we have seating in the “balcony,” also known as the deck, and more seating on the grass and the river deck. This new setup was worked very well and we’ll continue this for the 2020 outdoor music season. When making reservations for music nights, please specify where you would like to be seated as “outside” has taken on a whole new meaning.

Speaking of outside dining, let’s thank members **Jerry Kortman** and **Doc Slafkosky** for their generous donation of the good-looking acrylic drinkware for outside. It’s a very nice upgrade from the plasticware we had.

Congratulations to **Dr. Paul and Sue Christensen** for winning dinner for four. Their name was randomly drawn from everyone who ordered carryout food during our shutdown phase. Also, hats off to **Liz Dickenson** for winning our on-line baking contest during the shutdown.

MANY THANKS to everyone who supported the club during the shut-down by ordering CARRYOUT food, wine, Easter and Mother’s Day meals and everything else. Because of your great support we were able to weather the storm and come out of a bad situation in pretty good shape. We truly appreciate your support!

The SWIMMING POOL has continued to see good usage now that the restrictions have eased. Let’s review the latest pool updates:

- Adult swim for the last ten minutes of every hour.
- Please refrain from using large pool floats. With the restrictions in the number of swimmers allowed at one time in the pool, the larger floats take up space that could be used by members. Please remove your pool floats and noodles each time you get out of the pool so that others do not have to handle them.
- Finally, remember to sign in each time you use the swimming pool. The sign-in log allows us to make decisions for staffing, lounge chair availability and tracking for health department requirements.

We had to CANCEL the annual trip to Miller Park for the Cubs vs. Brewers due to Covid and the abbreviated baseball season. We also decided to CANCEL the annual scholarship golf outing scheduled for August. The scholarship committee is looking at alternatives to help raise funds for the program this year. We hope to have an event this fall. Stay tuned.

We were able to grow our membership this month which is another sign of things getting back to normal. If you know anyone who might be interested in joining, please have them contact me so I can arrange a tour and show them our wonderful club. The membership referral credit for the year is still in place.

Reminder

**FACE COVERING
REQUIRED**

PLEASE WEAR A FACE COVERING WHEN ENTERING THE BUILDING AND GOING TO AND FROM YOUR TABLE. THIS WILL PROTECT EVERYONE, MEMBERS, GUESTS AND STAFF. Most importantly, if you or your guest are experiencing any Covid symptoms to please stay home, this includes the swimming pool.

See you at the club.

Kurt Schiffer
General Manager



Thank you, **Doc Slafkosky**, left, and **Jerry Kortman**, right, for donating the new and attractive acrylic drinkware!

Thank you, Forbes Summer Music Sponsors!



SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

Gold, \$750, 1 Still Available

\$100 University Club gift certificate, name recognition on the foyer monitor, eblast and the Syllabus newsletter, plus premier reserved seating for 6 people on all 6 nights.

Thank you to Mark & Laura Cirone

Silver, Sold Out

\$50 University Club gift certificate, name recognition on the foyer monitor, eblast and the Syllabus newsletter, plus premier reserved seating for up to 4 on all 6 nights.

Thank you to Mary Ann Smith, Sheryl Johnson and Ruth & Stu Swanson

Bronze, Sold Out

Name recognition on the foyer monitor, eblast and the Syllabus newsletter, plus premier reserved seating for 2 on all 6 nights.

Thank you to Ed & Diane Kuehl and Joe & Jeannette Geraghty

Join us for these final dates!

- August 3 – Ryan Vyborny
- August 13 – The Lone Canary
- August 14 – Kelly Steward and Greg Whitson
- August 21 – Weep & Willow, Miles Nielsen and Kelly Steward



Club Notes

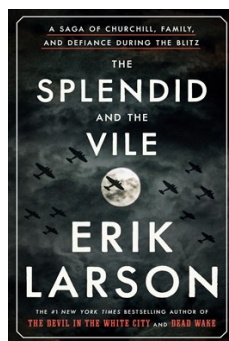
August 3 | Live Music

Join us for Ryan Vyborny's eclectic collection of acoustic cover songs, 6 to 8 p.m.



August 6 | 815 Summer Salad Night

Cool off with our new summer salads and mojitos! Choose from several created by Chef O & Chef Hillery, pair them with your favorite summer beverage, perhaps our mojito specials? The dinner menu will be replaced by the summer salads.



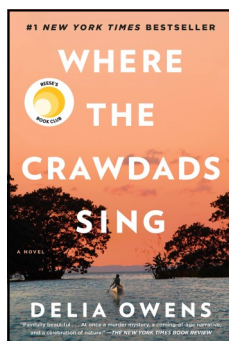
August 11 | Book Club

Second Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m.

- August, *Splendid and the Vile* by Erik Larson
- September, *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Della Owens

August 13 | Live Music

Our Forbes Music Festival continues with The Lone Canary, folk and Americana duo, 6 to 8 p.m.



August 14 | Live Music

Kelly Steward and Greg Whitson bring you neo-traditional country songs, 6 to 8 p.m.



August 20 | Two for \$29.95 Dinner

A great and affordable way to treat your friends and potential new members to the U Club is our two for \$29.95 dinner. Enjoy a salad, choice of entrée and a side dish. Dinner comes with a bottle of our house wine (cabernet, chardonnay, pinot grigio, merlot or white zinfandel) for just \$29.95. Reservations help us serve you better.

August 21 | Live Music

Forbes Summer Music Series finishes up with Weep & Willow, Miles Nielsen and Kelly Steward, 6 to 8 p.m.



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- **August 3, 13, 14, and 21 | Live Music**
- **August 4, 11, 18, and 25 | Taste of Tuesday**
- **August 6 | 815 Summer Salad Night**
- **August 11 | Book Club**
- **August 20 | Two for \$29.95 Dinner**

August 2020 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Remember, Kids and Grandkids eat FREE from Kids' Menu with the purchase of a regularly priced entrée on Thursday nights. Reservations allow us to serve you better.						1
2	3 Cookout Menu 5-8 pm • Grilled Salmon • BBQ Half-Rack Ribs Live Music: Ryan Vyborny 6-8 pm	4 Taste of Tuesday Chicken Tacos 5-7:30 pm	5 Club Closes at 2 pm	6 Early Bird 5-8:30 pm • 815 Summer Salad Night	7 Fabulous Friday Fish, 5-9 pm • Tilapia	8
9	10 Cookout Menu 5-8 pm • 24-oz. Ribeye Cowboy Steak • Ahi Tuna	11 Taste of Tuesday Shrimp Basket 5-7:30 pm Book Club 7 pm	12 Club Closes at 2 pm	13 Early Bird 5-8:30 pm • Pan-Roasted Red Snapper • English-Cut Prime Rib Live Music: The Lone Canary 6-8 pm	14 Fabulous Friday Fish, 5-9 pm • Catfish Live Music: Kelly Steward & Greg Whitson 6-8 pm	15
16	17 Cookout Menu 5-8 pm • Beef Kabobs • 6-oz. Braveheart Prime Angus Filet	18 Taste of Tuesday Wings 5-7:30 pm	19 Club Closes at 2 pm	20 Early Bird 5-8:30 pm • 2 for \$29.95	21 Fabulous Friday Fish, 5-9 pm • Walleye Live Music: Weep & Willow, Miles Nielsen and Kelly Steward 6-8 pm	22
23	24 Cookout Menu 5-8 pm • Carolina BBQ Pork Chop • Sweet Chili Chicken Breast	25 Taste of Tuesday Maid Rites 5-7:30 pm	26 Club Closes at 2 pm	27 Early Bird 5-8:30 pm • Sesame-Crusted Ahi Tuna • 24-oz. Braveheart Prime Angus Ribeye	28 Fabulous Friday Fish, 5-9 pm • Perch	29
30	31 Cookout Menu 5-8 pm • Grilled Halibut • Chicken Kabobs	Two for \$29 Options: Chicken Parmesan, Roasted Vegetable Aglio e Olio, 8-oz. Sirloin, or Roasted Pork				



Lunch & Dinner Hours

Lunch Service

Monday – Friday
 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Monday Night Cookout Menu

5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday Night Taste of Tuesday

5:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Thursday Night Early Bird

5:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Fabulous Friday Fish

5:00 – 9:00 p.m.

**Reservations appreciated as
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